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#### BREAK COLONEL'S HEALTH.

When Col. Roosevelt had made his speech and fought his way back to his room through the corridor crowd to the Presidential suite, as they call the Colonel's private reception rooms at the Congress, Senator Dixon, chairman of the Roosevelt National Committee, edged his way out of the guarded door and implored the crowd to go away.

"You'll break the Colonel's health down," pleaded Senator Dixon, and the crowd edged off, grinning at the idea that any amount of mob enthusiasm could hurt the Colonel.

Later it was announced that Col. Roosevelt would see a few of his leaders during the evening but that he probably would not make any statement until all contests are decided.

When the Colonel's train backed into the La Salle station on Van Buren street at 10 o'clock there were 600 people standing on the curb outside the station, while at least 2,000 were massed on the main and side stairs and in the concourse. The local police have their hands full with a strike and there were only about thirty cops on hand to keep order. They managed to keep a lane clear through the crowd until the Colonel arrived.

#### NO FORMAL GREETING.

The Roosevelt men had planned no greeting, leaving that to the crowd. The only delegation that turned out was that from California, very splendid in the golden grizzly bear badges. They carried banners inscribed "Welcome Teddy" and "California's Solid 26 for Roosevelt."

The Roosevelt managers had decided not to send a band to play the Colonel into town, but one came up on the double quick at the last moment and tried to make itself heard above the yelling with "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

Pretty nearly everybody in the crowd had a Roosevelt badge of some description, and it looked as though each wore a different kind. There were lots of well dressed women and most of them were nearly covered with badges.

On the train shed platform were Alexander H. Revell, Edward W. Sims and perhaps 150 of the Roosevelt stalwarts, who formed a scrub reception committee, ex-Representative Benson and William Halpin also came down to get in on the reception game, but unofficially.

#### IN ON THE TRAP.

The reception committee didn't get a chance to do much receiving. Col. Roosevelt swung off the second coach of the train as it pulled in and with his new gray felt campaign hat waving above his head with the regulation stiff armed motion, he charged down the platform at a tremendous pace. He led the charge behind a forlorn hope of police and three or four huskies who form his personal guard here.

A wave of people from other incoming trains swept lengthwise along the concourse as Col. Roosevelt came through the train gates, and the police lines disappeared in the rear of the moving candidate. The crowd in the station charged for the waving hat and nothing could stop them. The crush in the Colonel's wake became terrific and it is a miracle that no one was badly hurt as the mob pushed through the single doors leading to the street. No one could stop to see and one man who slipped was only saved from being trampled because there wasn't room to fall.

Outside there wasn't a cop in sight. There had been swept aside and lost in the crowd as it pushed forward. Col. Roosevelt's Assistant Chief of Police Schuetter and two policemen who had stuck with the Colonel pounded a path through the throng with clubs and fists to where Senator Dixon waited in an open automobile. So quick was the rush that one of the policemen who received a stinging slap in the face from a woman he had hustled aside didn't even know who hit him. He got even by landing on the jaw of a man who pushed in too close to the automobile.

#### "HOT TIME" THE BIG TUNE.

Everybody was yelling and the band was tooting its best. Col. Roosevelt stood up in the machine after shaking hands with his managers and waved his hat to the crowd. Chief Schuetter, his work done, received a hearty handshake from Col. Roosevelt and then turned to face the crowd. He grinned cheerfully at those he had just been clubbing and the crowd cheered him.

The way was partially cleared for the rest of the Roosevelt party and then the triumphal procession began. They took Col. Roosevelt along La Salle street a block to Jackson Boulevard and along the six blocks to Michigan avenue and then two blocks to the Congress Hotel. The band managed to get in ahead, still banging away at the "Hot Time in the Old Town" and a big part of the crowd fell in behind. Col. Roosevelt stood in the auto waving his hat and bowing.

Meanwhile two thousand people, maybe more, had massed in front of the hotel on Michigan avenue. Automobiles, many driven by women and crowded with other women, were parked at the sides of the streets, leaving a narrow lane. A big detail of police called in from the suburbs did their best to keep order. The crowd was wild and noisy. It was kept amused by a band and watching the scramble for Roosevelt buttons which were showered from the windows of the Congress Hotel. Well dressed women joined in the scramble.

It was a crowd that was eager to have a chance to yell and wave for something after an hour or more of waiting, and it cut loose when the waving campaign hat appeared above the heads of the people further along the line.

#### FIGHTS WAY INTO HOTEL.

Chief Schuetter had hustled around ahead in time to be ready for the rush at the Congress Hotel door when the Colonel arrived. He is a giant, and he had, besides some policemen, Frank Tyson, United States Marshal from West Virginia, E. I. Sprinkle, Sheriff of McDowell county, E. Adit, Gen. Elliott, J. W. Dawson, an ex-counsellor, all of West Virginia, and Fighting Pat Dore, delegate from Oklahoma. These are all big men, and they needed to be. As the Colonel jumped from his auto, but still in hand, there came another great roar and the crowd closed in.

## IN THE THICK OF THE CHICAGO FRAY



SEN. PERKINS.

on a human sea, shouted, "Take care! Don't crowd! Be careful you men!"

Hats were smashed, women's silks and laces were torn, till finally the storm spent itself about the yelling with "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

It was very hot and the crowd sweated and pushed outside the Colonel's door until the upper corridor had many features of a Turkish bath. Not a sign came from behind closed doors for ten minutes. Then the big West Virginians rushed the crowd back a scant space and the Colonel dashed out, fought his way to the door of a room the windows of which commanded Michigan avenue and the big noise outside announced that the crowd had been hit.

Women in the automobiles pulled off their hats to wave and the crowd seemed to have lost its senses. For ten minutes or more there was a steady roar of cheering and all that time the Colonel stood on the balcony waving his hat and showing his teeth.

Finally the crowd yelled itself out of wind and Col. Roosevelt began speaking. "Chicago is a bad place in which to steal anything," he began, and then as he stopped for the yell of approval and his eyes caught the Californian delegation's banner he went on:

"Look at the sign. California's twenty-six votes are mine and they will be counted as such. This has come down to a naked fight of honesty against dishonesty of honesty against theft. The people have spoken. The politicians, dead and alive, will be made to understand that they are the servants and not the masters of the rank and file of the plain citizens of the Republican party. (Yells of "Soak 'em, Teddy," "Give it to 'em.")

This is no factional fight. It is a contest between the people themselves and the professional politicians, representing all that is worst in corrupt politics and business. We have Illinois 36 to 2. Yes we did, and we have won in practically every State where the people could express their will and we have beat them by from 3 to 1 to 1. The people are singing with us now than they were then and they will refuse to sanction robbery now.

It is a naked fight against theft and the thieves will not win.

What followed, so far as the crowd was concerned, was what had gone before, allowing for the wear and tear on lung power and the Colonel looked entirely happy as his guards helped him to climb his room again. Once the jostling crowd pushed around the doors and the heat and noise must have made itself felt inside, for Senator Dixon came out to implore everybody to go away.

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### PLAN MONSTER PETITION

Leaders Urge Southerners to Ignore Instructions and Quit Taft.

CHICAGO, June 15.—The fight to force the Taft negro delegates from the South—the black sixty-six who claim to hold the balance of power in the convention—to break their pledges and vote for Roosevelt, is getting hotter every hour. Roosevelt is being preached as the race creed by some of the ablest negroes in the country and the enthusiasm has reached a pitch of almost religious fervor.

Last night at the Pekin, the negro theatre, on South State street, more than 1,000 negroes, among them some of the delegates, roared and shouted their approval as the Rev. R. C. Ransom, the colored preacher from New York and a power among his people, told them that the delegates were freed from their pledges since President Taft had been "untrue to his oath of office and a traitor to the race."

Some of the ways in which the Taft negro delegates are being "persuaded" may be suggested by Mr. Ransom's statement.

"I'd turn loose every winsome woman every strong man in Chicago to work with these delegates and get them to repudiate this man who repudiated us," he said.

And an effort is being made to accomplish that purpose. A petition to which it is promised more than 10,000 names will be attached by to-morrow was started at the Pekin meeting and George W. Ellis, former Charge d'Affaires at Liberia, was chosen to head a picked delegation of twenty-five who will try to get the negro delegates together just before the vote in the convention and make one last effort to turn them to Roosevelt. James H. Hays of Virginia, a negro political leader, started the petition.

"We will implore every one of these men who have come up from the land of darkness with power in their hands to nominate Theodore Roosevelt," he said. "To look that power to bring about the political emancipation of the negroes of the South. Let us sign this petition and lay it at the feet of these black men from the South, asking them to work for Theodore Roosevelt."

It was at this point that a big negro named Miller, a contesting delegate at large from Arkansas, who said he had been "busted" by the steam roller, proposed the formation of the committee of twenty-five to persuade the delegates. It was easy to see that under some circumstances Mr. Miller might be persuasive.

Meanwhile the Taft people have awakened to the danger of the situation and are doing their best to keep their negro delegates in line and to start something like a wave of real enthusiasm for the President's cause. They are using the Brownsville case as their chief argument.

While the meeting at the Pekin was going on the Taft supporters among the negroes were gathered at the Olivet Baptist Church. There were several hundred of them and they adopted resolutions condemning Col. Roosevelt's action in the Brownsville affair. At the Taft headquarters in the Congress Hotel plans were made for a negro mass meeting to-night at the Colored Institutional hall, where the negro delegates were marched in a body with the idea of showing the negroes the Taft strength.

One of the biggest handicaps that the Taft people have is a report that the National Citizens League, formed to fight for the Aldrich plan, has representatives here and its fight is being led by Prof. J. Lawrence Laughlin of the University of Chicago.

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